

## House Resolution No. 1295

**Whereas**, the members of the Missouri House of Representatives hold in high esteem those Show-Me State citizens who have demonstrated an exceptional level of expertise as teachers and as professionals in their chosen fields of endeavor; and

**Whereas**, Judy Barks-Westrich has attained considerable distinction as an art teacher in the Cape Girardeau School District which educates approximately four thousand elementary and secondary students through the skills, knowledge, and dedication of nearly four hundred certificated staff; and

**Whereas**, currently teaching art courses at Central High School, Judy Barks-Westrich has enhanced her already impressive record of achievement by being named Art Teacher of the Year by the Missouri Art Education Association (MAEA) on February 28, 2004; and

**Whereas**, Judy Barks-Westrich was chosen 2004 Art Teacher of the Year through a nomination process which was reviewed and narrowed by a panel of seven former MAEA teachers of the year; and

**Whereas**, honored for her newly-earned title at a reception in Saint Louis, Judy Barks-Westrich garnered a wealth of knowledge and experience through her earlier work with students in elementary and middle school, and through her much-appreciated efforts which brought out the creative side of adults; and

**Whereas**, a thirty-two-year veteran in the art classroom, Judy Barks-Westrich furthered her abilities as an educator by completing a Master's degree at Southeast Missouri State University; and

**Whereas**, Judy Barks-Westrich is a consummate craftsman who loves working with textures, especially fibers, and who concentrated on basketry in graduate school; and

**Whereas**, in addition to the vigor with which her students pursue their own projects, Judy Barks-Westrich's effectiveness as a teacher is borne out by the numerous honors and awards received by her students in competitive venues:

**Now, therefore, be it resolved** that we, the members of the Missouri House of Representatives, Ninety-second General Assembly, join unanimously to applaud the well-deserved selection of Judy Barks-Westrich as the 2004 Art Teacher of the Year by the Missouri Art Education Association and to convey to her this legislative body's heartiest best wishes for continued personal and professional success for many more years to come; and

**Be it further resolved** that the Chief Clerk of the Missouri House of Representatives be instructed to prepare a properly inscribed copy of this resolution in honor of Judy Barks-Westrich of Cape Girardeau, Missouri.

Offered by \_\_\_\_\_  
 Representative Jason G. Crowell  
 Majority Floor Leader  
 District No. 158

I, Catherine L. Hanaway, Speaker of the House of Representatives, Ninety-second General Assembly, Second Regular Session, do certify that the above is a true and correct copy of House Resolution No. 1295, adopted March 29, 2004.

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 Catherine L. Hanaway, Speaker